City of Detroit
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Janice M. Winfrey

City Clerk

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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Thursday, March 17, 2016

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION

Wayne State University, request for an outright vacation of street and alley conversions to public utility easements on Anthony Wayne Drive, vacated Putnam Ave., vacated Forth Avenue and West Kirby Avenue Blocks.



Vice President for Finance and Business Operations, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer 5700 Cass Avenue, Suite 4900 Detroit, Michigan 48202 (313) 577-5580, Fax (313) 577-2338

March 3, 2016

Honorable City Council of the City of Detroit % Office of the City Clerk Room 200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center 2 Woodward Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48226

Subject: Outright Vacation of Street and Alley Conversions to Public Utility Easements Anthony Wayne Drive, Vacated Putnam Avenue, Vacated Fourth Avenue and West Kirby Avenue Blocks

Honorable City Council:

Wayne State University proposes to construct new housing on the west side of Anthony Wayne Drive between vacated Putnam Avenue and West Kirby Avenue, to address an ever-growing demand for on-campus student housing.

In order to accomplish this objective, the University hereby formally petitions your Honorable Body to outright vacate certain public utility easements in the two blocks bounded by Anthony Wayne Drive, formerly Third Avenue; vacated Putnam Avenue, converted to public utility easement; vacated Fourth Avenue, converted to public utility easement and West Kirby Avenue, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. These public utility easements to be outright vacated are more particularly described as follows (Please reference attached plat map):

All that part of vacated West Merrick Avenue, 70 feet wide, converted to public easement, between Anthony Wayne Drive, formerly Third Avenue, as widened to 151 feet and vacated Fourth Avenue, 50 feet wide, converted to public easement, the northerly 35 feet of said vacated West Merrick Avenue, "Plat of the Subdivision of Part of Block 31 of the Crane Farm", City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 9, Page 63 of Plats, Wayne County Records; lying south of and adjoining the southerly line of Lots 1 and 9, except the portion of Lot 9 taken for the widening of Third Avenue and lying south of and adjoining the southerly line of the vacated public alley, converted to public easement, lying between Lots 1 and 9, all of the above mentioned subdivision; the southerly 35 feet of said West Merrick Avenue as platted in "Fletcher's Subdivision of Blocks 26, 27 and 30 of the Crane Farm, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 278 of Plats Wayne County Records; lying north of and adjoining the northerly line of Lots 1 and 2, except the portion of Lot 3 taken for the widening of Third Avenue, and lying north of and adjoining the northerly line of the vacated public alley 16.9 feet wide, converted to public easement, lying between Lots 1 and 3, all of the above mentioned subdivision (Please reference May 10, 1966, Journal of the Common Council, Pages 1325-1329).

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Anthony Wayne Drive, Vacated Putnam Avenue, Vacated Fourth Avenue and West Kirby

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All that part of the north-south vacated public alley, 16.9 feet wide, converted to public easement, in the block bounded by Fourth Avenue, Merrick Avenue, Third Avenue and Putnam Avenue as platted in Fletcher's Subdivision of Blocks 26, 27 and 30 of Crane Farm, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 1, Page 278 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining Lots 1 through 24, of the above mentioned subdivision (Please reference May 10, 1966, Journal of the Common Council, Pages 1325-1329).

All that part of the north-south vacated public alley, 16.9 feet wide, converted to public easement, in block bounded by Fourth Avenue, Kirby Avenue Third Avenue and Merrick Avenue, "Plat of the Subdivision of Part of Block 31 of the Crane Farm", City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 9, Page 63 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining Lots 1 through 8 and Outlot 34 of the above mentioned subdivision (Per Detroit City Engineering Division Records).

Wayne State is prepared to work with the City and utility agencies on any infrastructure disposition matters and is hopeful that your Honorable Body will give favorable consideration to our request, so that this most essential housing development can both enhance the University campus, as well as further the revitalization efforts within the City of Detroit.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Decatur

Vice President for Finance and Business Operations,

Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

FORM APPROVED

By Marzole

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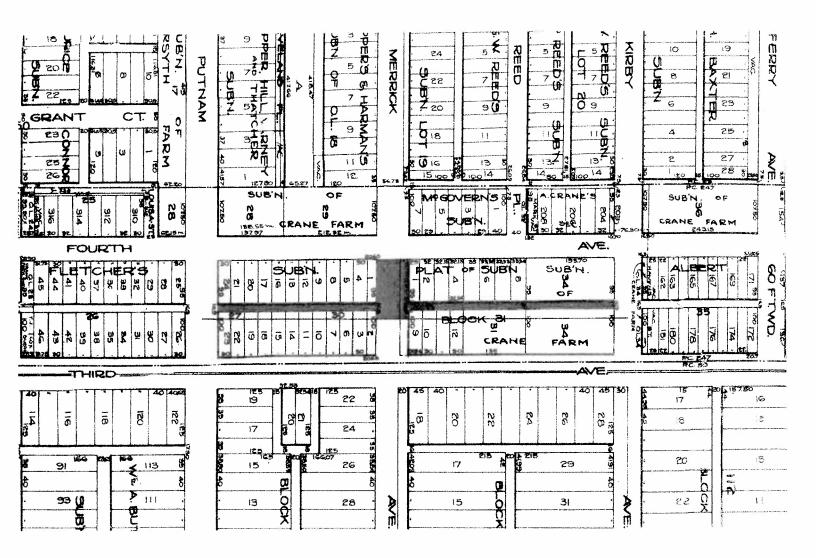
Cc: Richard Doherty, City Engineer, City Engineering Division, Department of Public Works, City of Detroit.

Patrick O. Lindsey, Vice President, Government and Community Affairs, Wayne State University.

Pamela R. Galloway, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Wayne State University.

James R. Sears, Associate Vice President, Facilities Planning and Management, Wayne State University.

Randy G. Paquette, Senior Director, Design and Construction Services, Facilities Planning and Management, Wayne State University.



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